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# Tech Tip of the Week

## October 31, 2011 – Writing Prompts

**Resource:** [Writing Prompts](#) is a Tumblr blog packed full of image-based prompts that can be incorporated into daily and/or creative writing activities. To date, there are 300 thought provoking prompts available to utilize with your students with additional ideas posted regularly.


[Writing Prompts](#) Examples:

Pick a person you admire & write the  
*Official Ten-Step Guide to  
Becoming the Next \_\_\_\_\_* \*

\*insert the name of the person whom you admire

For example, *The Official Ten-Step Guide to Becoming the Next David Foster Wallace*, might start like this:

1. Make sure your IQ is in the genius range.
2. Read the entire dictionary.
3. Sweat a lot.
4. Buy a headband.
5. Get really good at tennis.
6. Go on a cruise.
7. Get annoyed with writers who say "very unique."





**Integration Ideas:** I love, love, love how the [Writing Prompts](#) can be utilized not only to spark an interest in writing, but they can also be used as a way to get students to think outside of the box! ☺ Project them to an interactive whiteboard, a projector connected computer and/or use them at a classroom writing center then allow students to “jot their thoughts” about the given prompt. Keeping a journal of [Writing Prompts](#) responses would also be a neat concept. ☺

Can't find suitable writing activities for your students and/or content area on the [Writing Prompts](#) web site? Then experiment with creating your own visual prompts – or maybe even starting your own writing prompt blog! ☺ In fact, check out [Journals](#), a spin-off of [Writing Prompts](#) developed by a teacher and former student of the original [Writing Prompts](#) creator for additional ideas.

Looking for a technology-based twist to [Writing Prompts](#)? Use one of my favorite Web 2.0 writing tools – [Edmodo](#) – to allow students to share and discuss their responses to [Writing Prompts](#) in a collaborative online environment. (For additional information about [Edmodo](#), check out my “Cool Tools” wiki page [here](#).)

**Source:** [iLearn Technology](#)

**Snapshot:**

The screenshot shows an Edmodo post. At the top, the title "writing prompts" is in a blue box. Below it is a paragraph of text. To the left of the text is a timestamp "October 29, 2011 at 2:13pm" and a button that says "15 notes". Below the paragraph is a large image of a writing prompt card. The card has a dark blue background with white text. It features a quote from Linda Pastan, followed by two bolded prompts: "Make a list of things you want to remember." and "Make a list of things you want to forget." Below these prompts is a smaller paragraph of text asking students to compare their lists.

**writing prompts**

These are some of the daily writing prompts that I use in class. The prompts and pictures are scraped together from so many sources - forgotten websites, old journals, overheard conversations, the crusty recesses of my hard drive - that attribution is difficult. I've tried where I can, but if you know how any of them should be attributed or have a problem with one of them, please **let me know**, so I can fix it. Other stuff I'm working on is **over here**.

October 29, 2011 at 2:13pm  
15 notes

"I made a list of things I have to remember and a list of things I want to forget, but I see they are the same list."  
— Linda Pastan, excerpted from "Lists"

Make a list of things you want to **remember.**

Make a list of things you want to **forget.**

Compare your lists. Are they similar? What do you think Linda Pastan means when she says that her list of things she wants to remember and her list of things she wants to forget are the same? Can you explain that? How many hard things that you want to forget are also the things that make you who you are, so you want to remember them?

\*via <http://www.rockon.tumblr.com/>

"Tech Tip of the Week" postings are archived on my wiki located at <http://jf20.wikispaces.com/Tech+Tip+of+the+Week>.

Happy Halloween!  
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